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>From: John Major Jenkins <kahib@ix.netcom.com>

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>Subject: Resources for understanding my work on Izapa, 2012, and TRT Mon. 6

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>"Speculation about what ancient Maya sources tell us about 2012 is becoming a global phenomenon in popular culture as the great 5,125-year Maya "Long Count" cycle reaches completion on December 21. How did the ancestral ancient Mesoamerican peoples understand the world in terms of their astronomy, conceptions of space and time, calendrical divination, and prophecy? Is it coincidence that the sun will pass through the plane of the Milky Way near the galactic center around December 21? Did the Maya intentionally create this coincidence?"

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>Dear John Carlson,

>I'm not sure how we would even expect the Maya to "intentionally create this coincidence," but in any case I hope you will accurately summarize what my work is about on this question, and go into some detail about the evidence I've brought to bear on my work. Although I will not be able to attend, because I am presenting at the first Izapa Round Table conference in Tapachula (June 19-25), I look forward to listening to your lectures.

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>I'm attempting to look beyond the misleading treatments of me and my work that you and John Hoopes have committed, as well as your unwillingness to honestly respond to them (let alone correct them), so in the interest of looking beyond personal affronts I will share with you here several documents I've prepared. These are geared toward helping people understand the core evidence that underlies my reconstruction of the "2012 alignment cosmology" at Izapa. The two are intentionally brief, because people apparently have little time for fully informing themselves about these topics First, a summary of my work at Izapa:

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><http://alignment2012.com/summary-of-my-work-on-izapa.pdf>.

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>This can be augmented by the photos and drawings in:

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><http://alignment2012.com/monuments-izapan-ballcourt.pdf>

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>And:

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>"A Tripartite Figure from the Izapa Group F Ballcourt." Two additional notes in this essay explore a tripartite clan structure in Highland Maya society and the three-level ritual symbolism of metates and thrones. <http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/tripartite-figure-izapa.pdf>

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><http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/dating-the-ballcourt.pdf>

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>Izapan Cosmos - A brief survey of Izapan iconography and astronomy in the Group F ballcourt:

><http://alignment2012.com/izapa.html>

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>Results of Archaeoastronomical Observations at Izapa, December 2006:

><http://www.alignment2012.com/izapa-solstice-2006.html>

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>Now, since my early work on Izapa in the 1990s — the place that many scholars believe was involved in the formulation of the Long Count calendar — we now have Tortuguero Monument 6 to help us understand how 2012, specifically, was being thought about. My 2009 book first published the breakthroughs in identifying the astronomy in the 13 dates. This work was concisely presented by me at the SAA in April 2010: <http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/Astronomy-in-TRT-SAA.pdf>

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>This astronomical work on TRT Monument 6 provides support for the "2012 alignment theory" that scholars are prone to mis-represent and inaccurately summarize. Please try to be accurate. Definitions are found in the above file.

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>A cordial exchange with Maya scholar Ed Barnhart (it IS possible!) then followed (see: <http://thecenterfor2012studies.com/Email-exchange-Barnhart-Jenkins.pdf>) which resulted in the debates with scholars sponsored by The Maya Exploration Center. The resulting 206-page transcript was released in January 2011: <http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/MEC-Facebook-Discussion-2010-ON-Jenkins-SAA-TRT-Astronomy.pdf>.

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>Immediately thereafter, I gave a power-point presentation at IMS, which was posted to Youtube by our friend Jim Reed.

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>In fact, you can find a summary of my last two years of publications and presentations here:

><http://alignment2012.com/Two-year-retrospective.html>. In this file, please pay particular attention to the 17 essays linked at The Center for 2012 Studies website. I'd also like to draw your attention to my in-person analysis of TRT Monument 6, in March 2011, in which I clarified the Distance Number that generates Lord Jaguar's birthday as well as the glyph fragments under P4 (which David Stuart ignores): <http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/T6Monument.pdf>.

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>You might also want to read my analysis, with line drawings and photos, of a previously undocumented carved boulder near Izapa: <http://www.thecenterfor2012studies.com/birth-sacrifice-boulder.pdf>

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>My booklet called "Lord Jaguar's 2012 Inscriptions" was published last September.

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>These are a few of the sources that should factor into your comments at the Smithsonian conference "The Ancient Maya and Aztec Calendars, and the 2012 "Apocalypse"".

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>In regard to my clarifications and responses to scholarly critics of me and my work, a large archive is here: <http://Update2012.com>. In addition, I devoted half of my article to these fallacious and unprofessional critiques in "2012: Decoding the Countercultural Apocalypse" (ed. Joseph Gelfer). My further research on the Tortuguero monuments is presented in detail in a forthcoming peer-review anthology with the University Press of Florida. My article on unethical practices in modern academia is forthcoming in U.K. publication, and the paper for my NEARA talk last month will be released soon.

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>Please let's try to be honest and accurate. I hope we can work together to move the discourse on reconstructing ancient Maya astronomy forward. Best wishes,

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>John Major Jenkins

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